

TOWN COUNCIL.

TOWN ASKED TO JOIN IN AN ANTI SOFT COAL CRUSADE.

Bids for Water Main Extension Work Rejected—Petition for Improvement of Carteret Street—Mayor F. Gilbert Appointed Member of the Board of Health to Fill Vacancy Caused by Death of Harry White.

At the regular meeting of the Town Council held Monday night Town Clerk Wm. L. Johnson read a communication from the Common Council of Passaic requesting that Bloomfield join the other municipalities interested in an effort to compel the Erie Railroad Company to discontinue the use of soft coal. The gas and smoke nuisance, the communication stated, was becoming unbearable. The communication was signed by Thos. R. Watson, City Clerk, and asked for a prompt reply, as legislative action might be necessary. The matter was referred to the legal committee.

The bids for the work of extending the water mains opened on November 5, were on motion of Councilman Green, chairman of the water committee, rejected and checks ordered returned to the several bidders.

Petitions from residents of Myrtle avenue for a water main in that street, and from Henry Finnelly for an extension of the water main in Ella street, were read by Mr. Green, chairman of the water committee. Mr. Green said that the water department had on hand about 1,700 feet of six-inch pipe, and moved that the water committee be authorized to lay a main in Ella street to supply Mr. Finnelly's new building and 1,800 on Myrtle avenue. This motion was carried, with an amendment by Mr. Farand that 500 feet of main be laid in Warren street, from Essex avenue, east, as soon as the pipe can be procured. A petition was also read, which was signed by twenty residents, for the extension of the water main on Broad street from where it now ends at Watchung avenue to the Passaic county line. The petition was referred to the water committee.

Councilman Murray of the auditing committee, reported progress on the audit of water department accounts. Mr. Murray said there were some items in the report that he wished to confer with Mr. Flek about.

James E. Hampson, John Bland, Alfred Bland and others petitioned the Council to grade Carteret street, \$100 accompanying the petition. The same parties also requested the Council to lay a water main in the street.

Town Attorney Halfpenny submitted a statement of the expenditure of the \$300 given him by the Council to procure Supreme Court searches for the commission of adjustment of taxes. The statement showed that he had disbursed \$139.83 for that purpose and had a balance of \$69.17. The matter was referred to the auditing committee, who retired to the clerk's room, and on their return moved to accept the statement, which was done.

The vacancy in the Board of Health caused by the death of Harry White was filled Monday night, when Mayor Fisher named Seymour P. Gilbert to fill out the unexpired term. The appointment was unanimously concurred in. Mayor Fisher cited Mr. Gilbert's long experience in Health Board matters as his reason for appointing him.

Chief of Police Collins reported fourteen arrests and \$20 collected in fines during November.

Town Engineer Baechlin reported the Bloomfield avenue sewer as completed satisfactorily.

On invitation of Mayor Fisher, Mayor-elect Wm. F. Sutphen took a seat beside him during the session of the Council.

An ordinance to repeal an ordinance which provided for the appointment of a chief of police for two years was passed. This was done to clear the way for the introduction of an ordinance at a later date which would make the chief's appointment permanent. Two of the present patrolmen were seeking the appointment of chief when the present chief, Louis M. Collins, term expires, on January 1, next.

Car Hit Coach.
Emery Ward, fifty years old, of No. 17 street, colored, while driving a coach along Garfield street, Newark, was struck by Bloomfield avenue car No. 1633, going east on that thoroughfare, Sunday afternoon. Emery was thrown to the pavement and sustained injuries to the right shoulder and knee. He was taken to the Newark City Hospital in a patrol wagon, and after his hurts were treated he went home. The coach was slightly damaged.

Christmas Bazaar.
A Christmas bazaar was held yesterday, from 3 to 10 o'clock p. m., under the auspices of the Senior King's Daughters' Circle of the Congregational Church of Glen Ridge, to raise funds to carry on their charitable work of the winter.

To Sing the Messiah.

Residents of the Oranges and surrounding towns who are interested in musical culture should appreciate and encourage the work being done by the Orange Mendelssohn Union in presenting the highest forms of choral music. Handel's "Messiah" will be given at the Orange Theatre on Thursday, December 30, with a large chorus, the best obtainable soloists, and a full metropolitan orchestra.

The conductor, Mr. Arthur Mess, while in Munich last year secured a copy of a programme of the "Messiah" arranged by Chrysander, the eminent German editor of the only complete Handel edition and author of the most thorough biography of that composer. This programme will be followed at the coming concert. As the "Messiah" cannot be performed in its entirety within the time usually allotted to a concert, a number of very effective choruses are necessarily omitted. In order to familiarize the public with these, it has been the policy of the Orange Mendelssohn Union to include in its performance of the oratorio from year to year one or the other of them, until in the course of time all of the choruses will have been heard. At the coming concert the two choruses not often heard, "And With His Stripes" and "The Lord Gave the Word," the latter one of particular dash and brilliancy, which will be sung, will undoubtedly prove of great interest to all the lovers of Handel's forceful choral style.

All music lovers should be quick to appreciate this opportunity to hear under such favorable conditions this oratorio, which has grown to be so closely associated with the spirit of Christmastide, and should give this often practical encouragement. Tickets are for sale at the Orange Theatre.

Withholds Consent.

Permission was again asked by the Glen Ridge Cemetery Association at the meeting of the Belleville Township Committee Tuesday night to use the property owned by it in Belleville for cemetery purposes. It was decided to have the committee visit the property next Sunday, so that the members can arrive at some definite idea as to its location and value.

James U. Green represented the association. When he had explained the purpose of his visit, Committee Chairman Brown said that in consulting the township map he found the property extended 1,795 feet on Jerusalem street. As the cemetery property is exempt from taxation, he continued, if the permission was given to use that land to inter bodies the township would lose the revenue from it. He did not think the request should be granted unless the association promised to reimburse the township in another way. He thought it should agree to light the street fronting its property. In that event he did not believe there would be any difficulty in getting permission.

He was asked by Mr. Green what the cost would be, and he replied that it would be \$1 a month for a light every 300 feet. The association could not afford this, said its representative. There are about 300 feet available for cemetery purposes, he said, and the rest of the land is often flooded by the Third river. He called the attention of the committee to the property owned by the association on the opposite side of the street, which the association intended to build on. There would be revenue for the township in this. It was then decided to inspect the property.

Lodge of Sorrow.

The memorial service called Lodge of Sorrow held under the auspices of Bloomfield Lodge, Order of Elks, in Central Hall Sunday afternoon, was attended by a large audience. The service was an impressive one. The oration was delivered by Past Exalted Ruler Samuel J. MacDonald. Tribute was paid by Mr. MacDonald to the departed brethren of the order. Those who participated in the programme were: William M. Moore, Miss Florence D. Moore, Miss Emily D. Moore, Exalted Ruler William Johnson, Miss Helen Devey, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Robert Holden, John L. Stone, W. M. Moore.

The committee having charge of the Lodge of Sorrow was composed of the following: George Hummel, August H. Steiner, Nicholas Duggan, Samuel J. MacDonald, William A. Lide, William Johnson, John F. Dillon, Harry G. Weeks, Charles F. Hummel, S. Elbert Raymond. But two members have passed away in five years.

Xmas Trees, Holly and Mistletoe, Wreaths, Balls, Tree Ornaments, Candles, etc., etc. Most complete assortment at city prices, on sale after December 15th, at vacant lot adjoining hardware store, Bloomfield avenue. (Glenwood No. 8 Broad street.)—Advt.

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HAPPY AMEN

To the Long Controversy Over Water Department Profits—Councilman Work Deterred by the Factional Dispute—How the Minority Gained the Advantage.

The long and bitter controversy over the matter of extending water mains that has been the predominating feature of Councilman proceedings for the past year was apparently brought to a close Monday night when the bids for water main extensions were rejected.

It is likely that the next Council, instead of attempting water main extensions on a large scale, will deal with the respective petitions for water mains in the order of their presentation or of their importance and necessity. The controversy was a baneful one in its effect upon the administration of public affairs. It divided the Council into two distinct factions and the predominating power of the majority faction was so forcibly applied that the minority faction felt that discussion of public matters of any kind was almost useless.

The controversy was a needless one. The chairman of the water committee brought it on by an over-zealous ambition to display mastery ability in the management of the water department under his administration of that department's affairs. Previous to the attempt to show an enormous profit in the operation of the town's water plant there had been no particular criticism of the water department. Tax-payers appeared to be satisfied with the assurance that the water department was keeping about even up in its receipts and expenditures. Water department affairs were in a tolerably peaceful state until the chairman of the water committee brought forward a scheme for water main extensions that staggered some of his colleagues in the Council by its magnitude and the amount of expenditure involved in it.

The project was opposed for two reasons. One was that the locality wherein it was to lay two-thirds of the new mains, was one where there was no immediate necessity for them. The second objection was the amount of money involved. The chairman of the water committee met the second objection with the assertion that the cost of the work could be paid from the profits of the water department. The chairman of the water department was apparently so enthused with the belief that the water department was making the large profit that he claimed for it, he had the courage to attempt to prove it through the business like medium of a financial report.

The minority had been repeatedly voted down on every question that went to a vote during the controversy and opposition to the scheme of the chairman of the water committee, appeared hopeless and useless. The minority, however, continued a patient game, and when the chairman of the water committee committed himself to statistics in writing, the minority saw their opportunity and let the trap spring, and from that time on the chairman of the water committee was fighting blindly and was forced from one position to another and entangled himself in contradictions and inconsistencies, and finally abandoned his project. Thus ended a long and needless fight. The next administration will, probably steer clear of any repetition of it.

Folk Songs of Ireland.

Professor Lewis William Armstrong, musical lecturer for the New York Board of Education will lecture on the "Folk Songs of Ireland" in the Center School, Liberty street, Friday evening, December 14. This will be the third number of the public lecture series given by the Bloomfield Board of Education. No admission will be charged. Professor Armstrong, who is a forceful lecturer and a highly cultured singer, will illustrate his lecture with many of the old ballads which have made Celtic folk song famous throughout the world. Perhaps it may not be too much to say that to-day an acquaintance with folk song is considered essential to an intelligent appreciation of the best modern music. Many of these old songs are very beautiful; some are full of historical interest and all are quaint, characteristic and abounding in human interest, bringing us in touch with the heart-life of the people who gave them utterance, as nothing else can do. The lecturer's recognized high standing in the realm of song guarantees to all lovers of music an exceptional musical treat.

Shubert Theatre.

An unusually strong military play, entitled "Tape" or "Lights Out," with the distinguished young actor John E. Keller in the role of Sergeant Volkhardt, will be the attraction at the Shubert Theatre, Newark, next week, beginning on Monday evening.

Mr. Keller, with his own company of notable players, now appearing in the principal cities of the middle West, proceeded direct from the Lyric Theatre, New York, to St. Louis, Mo., in which former city "Tape" was originally produced in America, and where it was instantly successful.

CHURCH NOTES.

Preachers Who Will Occupy Local Pulpits Tomorrow—Essex County Christian Endeavor Rally—Other Church Matters.

Christ Episcopal Church elected these officers Monday night: Warden for two years, Theodore S. Gosh; vestrymen, Arthur D. Reid, Charles R. Staudinger and Dr. Frederick G. Shan; delegates to Diocesan Convention, Charles H. Selick, George W. Hulsart and W. H. Sayre, Jr.; alternates, Taltot Root, John G. Crawford and Eugene Bouton.

The December rally of the Essex County Christian Endeavor Society was held in the First Baptist Church Monday night. About three hundred and fifty members of the society were present from all parts of the county. The Rev. David Brewer Eddy of Trinity Congregational Church, East Orange, spoke on "The Greatest Opportunity—A Challenge to Christendom." The competition for the new union banner was won by the Elizabeth Avenue (Newark) Presbyterian Church, which had forty-two members present.

Rev. Hugh Black, M. A., will preach in the First Congregational Church of Montclair to-morrow morning.

Rev. Dr. J. O. Ryder, secretary of the American Missionary Association, will speak in the Glen Ridge Congregational Church to-morrow morning and evening. His morning subject will be "Our Heritage of Responsibility." In the evening he will give his famous lecture entitled "Christian Truths in Slave Songs," illustrated by plantation melodies rendered by the choir.

The services in the Watchung M. E. Church to-morrow will be as follows: At 10:30 A. M. Mr. J. Simon will relate his conversion to Christ and the Jewish conversion to Christianity. The pastor will preach at 7:30 P. M. on "The Judge before the Prisoner."

A spider web social was held in the First Baptist Church Thursday night under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society. Vocal selections by the Glee Club of the John M. Carvel Bible Class, readings by Wm. Maxfield and cornet solos by Miss Ethel Derby were features of the evening's entertainment. A social gathering was held in the church parlor and refreshments served.

Two hundred years have elapsed since the organization of the first American Presbyterian, and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church has honored the bi-centennial in an appropriate manner. The Synod of New Jersey has also suggested to all its ministers that they should observe some convenient Sunday as an occasion for a suitable historical review of these two hundred years of religious experience.

The Burden Bearers' Circle of the King's Daughters' Society of the First Baptist Church held a meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mahlon Taimadge, No. 209 Ashland avenue. Plans for Christmas work were discussed.

The Ladies' Home Mission Society of the First Baptist Church held a meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles A. Cook, No. 32 Oakland avenue.

The Rev. Mr. Hughes who occupied the pulpit of the First Baptist Church last Sunday will occupy the pulpit of that church again to-morrow.

Rev. Dr. Judson Swift, field secretary of the American Tract Society, will preach in the Westminster Presbyterian Church to-morrow.

The Rev. Mr. Paulsen, President of the Theological University at Kropf, Sleswig, Germany, will preach a farewell sermon on Monday evening, December 10, at 8 o'clock, in the German Lutheran Church, Liberty street, corner Austin place.

Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Smith of 15 Spruce street celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, November 25, and out of a family of eight children that grew to manhood and womanhood, seven came home to greet their parents on that eventful day. Mr. Smith's family numbers thirty-one children and grandchildren and one great grandchild, and on Thanksgiving day of this year they celebrated the thirty-second year of their gathering around the home-board—there having been only three omissions of the time-honored custom in all these years.

Literary Entertainment.

The Literary Study Circle of the Watchung M. E. Church held a meeting last week at the home of Mrs. Griffith Jones. The evening was spent with William Wordsworth, the poet, and the programme was as follows: Story of his life, Mrs. Griffith Jones; sketch of the Lake Region, Ernest Schofield; story of "Ode to Duty," Miss Margie E. Dean; story of "The Reverie of Poor Susan," Miss Lottie Law; story of "Daffodils," Miss Ella M. Dunn; story of "Tintern Abbey," Mrs. Schullist; "His Love of Nature, Brooks, Birds," etc., Miss Olive H. Wyter; a review of current books, Willard W. Miller; review of current events, Miss Edith L. Bosch.

Telephones in Glen Ridge.

The borough of Glen Ridge has been endeavoring for the past three years, with the co-operation of the Telephone Company, to remove all poles from the streets from the borough and all wires from the trees and poles, or crossing streets, thereby enhancing the beauty of the street and preventing accidents, and loss of or damage to trees. The Telephone Company has placed its wires under ground and supplies each block of houses by the interior system, which is being introduced in Montclair and other neighboring towns. This system takes a cable from the conduit and supplies each house on a block from neat poles placed in the rear of the same. These poles are placed by and with the consent of the owners, and can be removed at their pleasure. Seventy per cent. of the property holders have given such consent, but there are a few blocks where the consents have been withheld or refused, possibly in some cases by misapprehension. The Borough Council has power to cause the remaining poles on the streets to be removed, in which case non-assenting parties would lose their telephones, notwithstanding the desire of the borough and the company to furnish them by the improved system.

This statement is made so that the conditions may be understood, and it is hoped that the few remaining consents needed may be given, and the telephone service to such blocks continued.

Glen Ridge Woman's Club.

Oliver Easton of New York, who was a member of the Dillon-Wallace expedition, gave an account of his trip to Labrador before the Woman's Club of Glen Ridge Tuesday afternoon in the First Congregational Church of that place. Mr. Easton showed stereopticon views of the places he had visited. Arthur E. Hinrichs spoke of a plan adopted by the Glee Club of Glen Ridge for raising funds for the Christmas celebration for the children in that borough and vicinity. Three amendments to the constitution were adopted, the principal one being that the number of non-resident members shall not exceed one-third of the entire membership, instead of one-fourth, as heretofore.

Glen Ridge Post Office.

Mayor Arthur J. Lookwood and the members of the Glen Ridge Council have been conferring with the Lackawanna Railroad officials relative to improvements at the railroad station to make room for the separation of the railroad and ticket and postal offices. While no decision has been arrived at, it is believed that a definite plan will be submitted to the Council at its next meeting by the company. Meantime another conference will be held. One of the plans suggested is the building of an extension on the east side of the station, to be used for the ticket office, and to partition off the west end of the present waiting room for the post office.

Road Improvements.

The committee on roads and assessments of the Board of Freeholders has advertised for proposals for grading and paving with telford pavement a number of streets in this town and neighboring villages. Those in this town are as follows: Watchung avenue, from Broad street to East Passaic avenue, about seven-eighths of a mile; High street, situated both in this town and in Nutley, from East Passaic avenue to Franklin avenue, about one mile. Bids will be received on Wednesday, December 12, at 3 P. M., at the office of the committee on roads and assessments at the Court House in Newark.

Heptasophs' Election.

Bloomfield Conclave, Improved Order Heptasophs, elected these officers Thursday night: Arden, John N. Deistagen; provost, Cyrus F. Pearson; prelate, Harvey D. Harrison; secretary, Leonard O. Haskell; treasurer, George W. Heath; inspector, J. Howard Hardcastle; warden, Oscar F. Aopping; poetical, Wilbur Harrison; trustees—Charles A. Kayler, Charles W. Martin and A. F. Campbell.

Held for Grand Jury.

Police Recorder George W. Cadmus put Dominos Sargado of No. 25 Delph street, Newark, under \$500 bonds yesterday to await the action of the grand jury on the complaint made against him by Mrs. Joseph Monda of Silver Lake. The charge is assault and threat to kill.

Firemen's Election.

The annual meeting of Montgomery Hose Company, No. 4, was held Thursday night and the following officers were elected: Michael McNailey, president; Charles Hanley, treasurer; Thomas Hanan, secretary; John Finn, foreman; Thomas Hanan, assistant foreman. Former Chief B.F. Higgins was endorsed as a candidate for Chief Engineer.

Basket-Ball.

The Watchung basket-ball team will resume playing at Central Hall the latter part of the month. The line-up will be as follows: Tim Johnson, center; J. Covasough, right guard; E. Byrnes, left guard; James Calico, left forward; August Manderschiedt, right forward; T. F. Higgins, substitute.

AN OLD CHARTER

CAUSES THE PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION ATTENTION TO ABANDON PLANS

For Shutting Off Bloomfield Cars from Market Street—Intended to Use Bank Street Loop—Hopes Will Be to Have Old Charter Amended.

The congestion of trolley cars on Market street, east of Broad, Newark, is a matter that the Public Service officials and the Newark city officials are struggling with in order to relieve the crowded condition of Market street and facilitate trolley traffic. The Public Service Corporation would like to abandon the present plan of running the Bloomfield cars to the Market street station of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and thought that they had that matter settled when the Bank street loop was constructed. It was the intention to turn the Bloomfield cars off Broad street at Bank street and make the return trip by way of the loop, but some Bloomfielders dug up the charter of the Newark and Bloomfield street railway and confronted the Public Service officials with it. The charter declared that all Bloomfield cars must run to the Market street station, and as a consequence the Bank street loop project was upset.

At a conference of Public Service officials and Newark police commissioners on Monday last it was decided to petition the Board of Works to try and secure an amendment of the old Bloomfield trolley charter, or that portion of it compelling the running of Bloomfield cars to the Market street station of the Pennsylvania Railroad. If this abrogation can be secured the traction people said they would operate this line of cars around the Bank street loop, taking twenty-one cars an hour thereby away from the Market and Broad street switch, and relieving congestion at the "Four Corners" to that extent.

The representatives of the Public Service at the meeting were Colonel Edwin W. Hine, Albert H. Stanley, N. W. Boies and W. B. Graham, and it was the latter who, in answer to Mr. Schellar's query as to why the Bloomfield and the Patterson cars could not be taken away from the "Four Corners" and sent around the Bank street loop, said they could if the police commissioners could get the old charter amended. Mr. Hine said the trolley company built the Bank street loop with that object in view, and did run Bloomfield and Patterson cars around it for a while, until some of the older Bloomfield residents resorted to the ancient charter compelling continuous service to the railroad depot, and then they had to quit.

Commissioner Kroeger wanted to know why the charter could not be declared void. Mr. Hine said he hoped it could, declaring the Public Service Corporation did not care to interfere personally. If the police would get the Board of Works to do something toward inducing the Bloomfield charterers to annul the ordinance, why, of course, that would be another matter. Mr. Kroeger said he saw no reason why this could not be done. Mr. Hine said he did not either, but his company did not care to take the initiative. Whereupon Mr. Kroeger said the police would, and it was decided to write a letter to the Board of Works along this line.

In calling the conference to order Mr. Schellar said his latest plan for relieving the congestion of trolley traffic would be to have Market street cars stop only on one side of Broad street. By that he meant that eastbound cars should stop on the west side of Broad and then make no other stop until the east side of Mulberry street was reached, and westbound cars stop on the east side of Broad and stop next at Halsey street. Commissioner Castle at once objected to this, saying there would be a big kick from passengers. Mr. Hine said it would be a good plan, perhaps, but that the riding public would not be in favor of it. The other conference took the same view and for the time being this proposition was dropped, while Mr. Schellar said any way the Bloomfield and Patterson cars could not be sent around through Bank street.

Colonel Hine said the trolley company had sent these cars very reluctantly around the Broad and Market street switches, but that inasmuch as there was a specific contract of doing it, it had to be done. Commissioner Gardner wanted to know if the cars could not be run around Reister street, and Mr. Hine said they could if the police could get the consent of property holders along that route.

Centennial Celebration.

The one hundredth anniversary of the Oranges will occur next year, and already arrangements are under way for a proper celebration of the occasion. A committee to look after the affair has been appointed, consisting of representatives from Orange, South Orange, East Orange and West Orange. At the celebration the growth of the several Oranges will be exemplified.

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